



# WIS 29 preservation plan

## Wittenberg to Green Bay

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# Minimizing property impacts is plan development team goal



*The plan development team is working to minimize impacts to properties along WIS 29 while maintaining safety and mobility.*

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation's (WisDOT) development of a right of way plan for Brown and Shawano counties is nearing some major milestones. Long-term mobility and safety will be maintained along WIS 29 by preserving the right of way needed to convert the highway to a limited-access freeway.

No construction work for either county is scheduled at this time. The preservation plan will give landowners and communities along WIS 29 a blueprint for planning future improvements and land use near future interchanges, overpasses and local roads. Since winter 2005, WisDOT and the project team have:

- Developed concept plans for Shawano County for future interchanges, overpasses and local roads.
- Met with municipalities and Indian tribes to review concept plans.

- Refined Shawano County concept plans based on local input.
- Refined preliminary design for Brown County.
- Continued meeting with business owners and farmers regarding special access needs.

The plan development team will continue bringing elements of the plan to conclusion, including:

- Hosting public information meetings in Shawano County and recommending a preferred alternative.
- Beginning preliminary engineering and an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Shawano County recommended alternative.
- Completing the EA for the Brown County preferred alternative and hosting a public meeting.

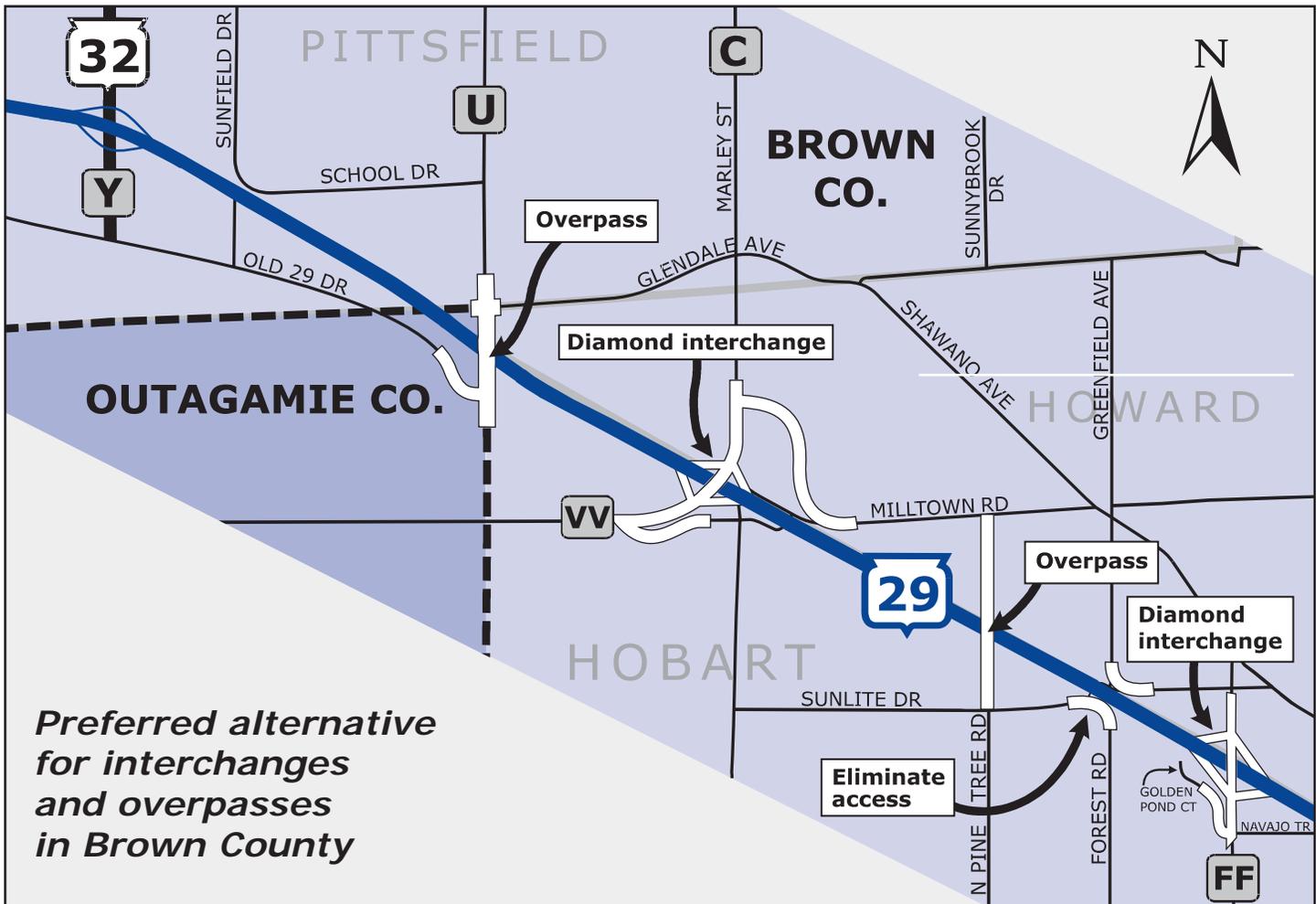
### Included in this issue:

#### Brown County update:

- Preferred alternative identified
- Hobart and Howard support new overpass location

#### Shawano County update:

- Community input shapes concepts
- Public meetings scheduled in Shawano County



## Preferred alternative identified in Brown County

*Environmental Assessment will focus on right of way, relocation impacts*

After collecting input at public meetings and meetings with local officials and agencies, the project team has identified a preferred alternative for interchanges and overpasses in Brown County.

Future interchanges at County VV and County FF, and an overpass at County U are consistent with long-term

land use and transportation plans for Brown County. A future overpass at North Pine Tree Road is supported by the villages of Hobart and Howard.

The next step in the Brown County segment of the preservation plan is to finalize the EA. Key issues addressed in the EA include right of way and relocation impacts, and wetland and noise impacts.

The following milestones are expected:

- A public meeting on EA findings will be scheduled in fall 2006.
- Preliminary engineering and preparation of the official right of way map are expected in the summer or fall 2006.
- A public hearing on official right of way map in winter 2006.

## Community input shapes WIS 29 corridor in Shawano County

The WIS 29 plan development team continues to meet with local governments, individual property owners, farmers and business owners along the corridor to further understand unique local issues and refine concepts.

Two public information meetings were held in fall 2005 to present information to the public on interchange locations. Throughout January and February 2006, the team presented the initial concept plans in workshops with each town in the study corridor. Workshops were also held with local villages, the city of Shawano, Shawano County representatives and the Stockbridge-Munsee tribe.

Input from the workshops and stakeholder meetings led to revised concept plans, which the team formally presented to the Stakeholder Committee in May. The concept plans will be presented in a second round of public information meetings (see announcement at right). In the new concept plans, you will see the following:

- Updated interchange concepts in the County D/County G area.
- The addition of overpasses.
- Revised local access road alignments.

After the public information meeting, the team will update the concept plans and prepare a recommendation on the preferred plan to present to the Stakeholder Committee later this year. Following this recommendation, team members will begin preliminary engineering and prepare an EA that will evaluate the impacts of the recommended plan in greater detail.



*The plan development team presented information to Shawano County residents and stakeholders at informational meetings last fall and workshops during winter and spring.*

### You're invited: Public meetings scheduled

#### Western portion of Shawano County

**When:** Tuesday,  
Sept. 19, 2006

**Where:** Herman Town Hall  
N5628 County U

**Time:** 5 to 7:30 p.m.

#### Eastern portion of Shawano County

**When:** Thursday,  
Sept. 21, 2006

**Where:** Angelica Town Hall  
N3258 County C

**Time:** 5 to 7:30 p.m.

*Persons with a concern for or knowledge about historic buildings and structures and archaeological sites are encouraged to attend this meeting or provide comments to WisDOT, their local unit of government or the consultant.*

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# Preservation plan timeline

WIS 29 preservation plan development is expected to be complete in mid-2007. Milestones in plan development are shown below.

	ACTIVITY	Winter 2004/05	Spring 2005	Summer 2005	Fall 2005	Winter 2005/06	Spring 2006	Summer 2006	Fall 2006	Winter 2006/07	Spring 2007
SHAWANO COUNTY	Assess existing conditions	█									
	Review land use and access		█								
	Develop concept plans			█	█	█	█	█			
	Finalize recommendations/corridor report				█	█	█	★ WE ARE HERE			
	Develop preliminary plan							█	█		
	Develop environmental document								█	█	█
	Develop right of way map								█	█	█
BROWN COUNTY	Develop preliminary road plan	█	█	█	█						
	Develop environmental document		█	█	█	█	█	█	█		
	Develop right of way map			█	█	█	█	█	█	█	

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